



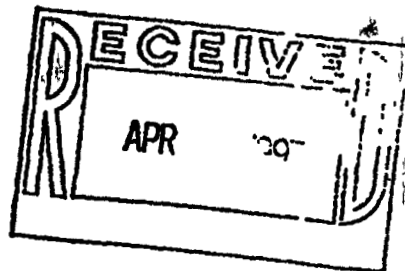
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Re: Corrective Actions to be Implemented as
a Result of the T-3/T-4 Project

Dear Ms. Roberson:

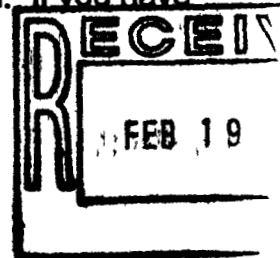
EPA applauds the comprehensive review of the T-3/T-4 project that DOE and its contractor conducted as documented in the Collective Significance Evaluation Report of the Source Removal at Trenches T-3 and T-4. We are in agreement with the list of corrective actions which grew out of this report. EPA believes that the effective implementation of these corrective actions will allow the Site to avoid the types of problems experienced at T-3/T-4 as DOE continues environmental restoration efforts to meet the goals put forth in the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA).

Tim Rehder, of my staff, sent letters to Steve Slaten, DOE's RFCA Coordinator, on February 25, 1997, and March 6, 1997, expressing concerns about making wholesale changes to the Site's environmental restoration program. These letters were written without the knowledge that air samplers located east of Rocky Flats measured the presence of depleted uranium (DU) during the period when the T-3/T-4 project was underway. The appendix which contained the DU data was not included in the air monitoring report sent to EPA, nor did EPA receive a phone call on the subject. If we had received this data and therefore had better understanding of the problems associated with the T-3/T-4 project, EPA would not have written the letters.

It is essential that technical data about Rocky Flats be communicated accurately and expeditiously to all interested parties. As Tim Rehder discussed with you, EPA would appreciate your support in improving the lines of communication. If you have any questions, please call Tim at (303) 312-6293.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Administrator



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